Price Shop level Vigilance Committees of the consumers to supervise the distribtuion.

Central Govenrment has taken a number of measures to ensure that the items issued to the States/UTs for the PDS are of good quality. All necessary quality control measures are being implemented by the concerned Central agencies. Generally, the wheat and rice being issued to theStates/ UTs for the PDS is of good quality and is always in conformity with the standards prescribed in the Prevetnion of Food Adulteration Act. However, in an operation of such a vast magnitude such as the PDS, where millions of tonnes of foodgrains are being distributed through more than 4.25 lakh Fair Price Shops all over the country, a few shortcomings here and there cannot be ruled out altogether. In order to overcome such difficulties, the Central Government has allowed State Governments and their nominees to check the quality of foodgrains in every lot before they accept the same. State Govenrments have been given the right to reject lots which are not conforming to the prescribed standards. Complaints in respect of inferior quality of foodgrains being sold by Fair Price Shops are dealt with at the district/sub-divisional level administrations for speedy and effective redressal of such grievances. State Governments have been delegated powers under the Essential Commodities Act for taking action against persons indulging in such malpractices.

Target for Exprot of Indian Electronics and Software

846. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electronic and Computer Software Export Council of India has set a target to raise Indian electronics and software exports to 1.58 billion US $ by the end of 1995-96;

(b) what factors have led the aforesaid council to target such a huge rise in exports of the electronics and software goods;

(c) what was the target for exports of such goods for the years 1994-95 and whether the said council had met fully its target; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council has set a target of 1.58 billion US $ for export of electronic hardware, computer software and services, telecom services and project exports and VSNL services in 1995-96. This represents a growth of 29.22% over the performance in 1994-95 and is in line with current performance of the sector.

(c) and (d) The Council had fixed a target of US $ 1.02 billion for the year 1994-95. The actual achievement in the same year was US $ 1.23 billion.

Withdrawal of NCWA by CIL

847. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to withdraw the provisions of 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 of NCWA IV unilaterally by the CIL management and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there is any scope of such unilateral step in the NCWA IV and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b): There is no question of unilaterally withdrawing the provisisons of Clauses 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 of NCWA IV. However the management have proposed to modify, these clauses in consultation with the unions, in the light of the aberrations that have occured in

the implementation of these provisions in the past. These matters are being discussed between the managements and the unions in the JBCCI.

American Business Interests in India

848. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that America's business interest in India is growing; and

(b) what are the troublesome issues identified which are putting pressures for not widening the depth of the commercial relationship further between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various issues which need to be addressed in the context of growing commercial relations are discussed bilaterally as well as multilaterally but such issues are not expected to come in the way of increasing commercial relations between India and USA.

कजाकिस्तान के साथ व्यापारिक संबंध सुदृढ़ करना

849. **श्री प्रमोद महाजनः**
श्री गोविन्दराव आदिकः

क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) सरकार द्वारा कजाकिस्तान के साथ व्यापारिक संबंध सुदृढ़ करने के लिए अब तक क्या प्रयास किए गए हैंः

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसे कई क्षेत्र हैं जिनमें दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार बढ़ाया जा सकता है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या सरकार द्वारा उस देश के साथ व्यापार बढ़ाने के लिए कोई कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(च) क्या यह भी सच है कि दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार बढ़ाने के लिए पर्याप्त परिवहन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध नहीं हैं; और

(छ) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम्): (क) से (ङ) जी, हां। सरकार कजाकिस्तान के साथ एक सी॰ आई॰ एस॰ देश के रूप में भारत के व्यापार संवर्धन के लिए सतत आधार पर उपाय कर रही है। दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार बढ़ाने की गुंजाइश है। सहयोग के क्षेत्र ये हैं — संयुक्त व्यापारिक उद्यमों, तीसरे देशों को निर्यात हेतु संयुक्त उद्यमों आदि सहित संयुक्त उद्यमों, परस्पर पूंजीनिवेश का संवर्धन, बुनियादी सुविधाओं के क्षेत्र में सहयोग का संवर्धन और प्रशिक्षण सुविधाओं का प्रावधान।

भारत सरकार द्वारा द्विपक्षीय व्यापार बढ़ाने के लिए किए गए कुछ निश्चित उपाय नीचे दिए जा रहे हैं:—

1. कजाकिस्तान के साथ राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित करना।
2. व्यापार एवं आर्थिक सहयोग के संबंध में नया द्विपक्षीय ढांचा करार करना।
3. वाणिज्यिक, आर्थिक एवं वैज्ञानिक और प्रौद्योगिकीय सहयोग बढ़ाने के लिए अन्तः सरकारी द्विपक्षीय संयुक्त-आयोगों का गठन।
4. प्रतिव्यापार, खेप निर्यात बढ़ाना और भाण्डागारों की स्थापना।
5. संयुक्त उद्यमों का संवर्धन।
6. भारत सरकार का 20 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर का ऋण देना। कजाकिस्तान को ऋण की दूसरी किश्त के लिए उदारीकृत ऋण शर्तें।
7. कजाकिस्तान सहित सी॰आई॰एस॰ देशों के साथ भारतीय व्यापार के लिए और अधिक अर्थक्षम पारगमन मार्गों का पता लगाना और उनका विकास करना।
8. द्विपक्षीय हवाई यातायात करार करना और सीधी उड़ाने आरंभ करना, एयरकार्गो यातायात का संवर्धन।
9. अन्य बातों के अलावा, प्रतिनिधि कार्यालय खोलकर, आई॰टी॰पी॰ओ॰ को प्रदर्शनियां आयोजित करने हेतु प्रोत्साहित करके सीधे